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UNDERSTANDING NEW NEIGHBORS & USERS

Shifting population trends are bringing people to live near or enjoy the forests in ever increasing numbers. This new audience brings with it certain preconceptions about the forest environment — right or wrong. Understanding these users and their values is the first step in bringing all of those who share the forests to a common understanding.

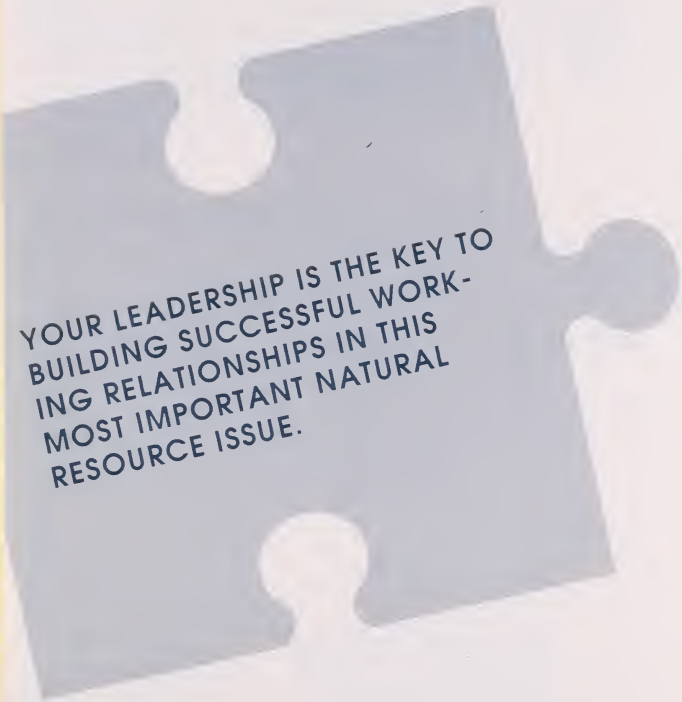
A CHALLENGE TO FOREST MANAGEMENT & PROTECTION

The public land manager faces increasing public scrutiny of forest management and protection practices. Increased public presence also presents certain risks. Continuing to manage and protect the forest resources as conflicts over land use increase will be one of the greatest challenges for land managers in the years to come.

SOLUTIONS THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

Bringing people together to collaborate on finding solutions to these problems will call for the cooperation of a wide range of interests. Homeowners, recreational users, private and public forest industries, government agencies, and special interest groups can achieve more by forging partnerships than if each works alone.

LIKE PIECES OF A PUZZLE, MANY INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS NEED TO BE FITTED TOGETHER TO FORM ONE CLEAR, COORDINATED RESPONSE TO THE WILDLANDS/ URBAN INTERFACE.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